

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portioning device for portioning ~~[[pasty]]~~ a bulk material, ~~in particular sausage meat, doughs or the like, including~~ comprising:

a forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ adapted to be filled by a mass of the bulk material, the forming space delimited by a wall ~~section for forming the mass, into which the mass can be filled, and~~

~~which has an output opening (41a) through which the portioned mass can be output, characterized by ; and~~

a cutting device ~~[[(50)]]~~ for portioning the mass filled into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ into a plurality of mass portions, the cutting device having a cutter [[(60)]] that is at least partially introducible into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ , and each of the plurality of mass portions being output through the output opening.

2. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim of claim 1~~ [[,]] wherein the cutting body ~~[[(60)]]~~ is introducible into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ in a direction that lies approximately perpendicular to the direction in which the mass is filled into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim 1 or 2, of claim 1~~ wherein the forming space ~~[(40)]~~ has a filling opening ~~[(41)]~~ through which the mass can be filled into the forming space ~~[(40)]~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims, of claim 1~~ wherein the forming space ~~[(40)]~~ has a geometry matched to the form of ~~[[the]]~~ an end product, ~~in particular a geometry whose cross section is essentially rotationally symmetrical or oval, or in particular a cross sections that corresponds to the cross section of spare-ribs.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim 4, of claim 4~~ wherein the forming space ~~[(40)]~~ is ~~formed~~ defined inside a tube through which the mass is axially transportable.

6. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims, of claim 1~~ wherein the wall delimiting the forming space ~~(40)~~ has a slit into which the cutter ~~[(60)]~~ can be introduced.

7. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim 6, of claim 6~~ wherein the slit ~~[(48)]~~ extends far enough so that the cutter ~~[(60)]~~ can cut completely through the cross section of the forming space ~~[(40)]~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims,~~ of claim 7 wherein the cutter ~~[[(60)]]~~ is introducible into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ at a place such that ~~a portion of mass that is~~ each of the plurality of mass portions formed, when the cutter ~~[[(50)]]~~ is introduced, is supported by at least part of the wall ~~[[(46)]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim 8,~~ of claim 8 wherein the slit ~~[[(48)]]~~ is spaced at a distance from ~~[[the]]~~ an output opening ~~[[(41a)]]~~ of the forming space such that a section of the forming space ~~(44)~~ is formed that corresponds at least approximately to the size of ~~a portion of mass~~ each of the plurality of mass portions.

10. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in Claim 8 or 9,~~ of claim 8 wherein the wall delimiting the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ is ~~essentially~~ substantially cylindrical and the slit ~~[[(48)]]~~ almost completely penetrates the wall.

11. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims,~~ of claim 1 wherein the cutter ~~[[(60)]]~~ is ~~in the form of~~ a two-bladed, rotatable cutting knife ~~[[(60)]]~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The portioning device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized by~~ of claim 1 further comprising a means of attachment by which the ~~for~~
~~fastening~~ cutting device is ~~fastenable~~ as an attachment to a device ~~[[(2)]]~~ for
transporting and/or mincing bulk material, ~~in particular to a filling machine or filling~~
~~grinder.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A device for transporting and/or mincing bulk material, ~~in~~
~~particular sausage meat, doughs or the like,~~
~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ adapted to be filled by a mass of the bulk material, the
forming space delimited by a wall ~~section for forming the mass, into which the mass can~~
~~be filled, and~~

~~which has an output opening (41a) through which the portioned mass can be output,~~
~~characterized by ; and~~

a cutting device ~~[[(50)]]~~ for portioning the mass filled into the forming space (40),
~~which has~~ into a plurality of mass portions, the cutting device having a cutter [[(60)]] that
can be introduced at least partially into the forming space ~~[[(40)]]~~ , and each of the
plurality of mass portions being output through the output opening.

14. (Currently Amended) The device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized by~~ of claim 13 further comprising:

a smoothing belt that can receive the ~~portioned mass~~ plurality of mass portions, and
~~which works in combination~~ the smoothing belt cooperating with at least one shaping
surface to ~~aftershape the portioned mass~~ each of the plurality of mass portions.

15. (Currently Amended) The device ~~as recited in one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized by~~ of claim 13 further comprising:

means ~~of transport~~ for transporting the mass, ~~[[where]]~~ the means of transport ~~[[are]]~~
being discontinuously operable, and the timing of the discontinuous operation ~~works~~
~~together~~ cooperating with the introductory motion of the cutter ~~[[((60))]]~~ into the forming
space for portioning the mass into the plurality of mass portions.

16. (NEW) The portioning device of claim 4 wherein the geometry has a cross-
section that is substantially rotationally symmetrical.

17. (NEW) The portioning device of claim 4 wherein the geometry has a cross-
section that is oval.